

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2455

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2014

RE: S.B. No. 3094
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 3094 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow each
county to impose and enforce liens upon premises served for unpaid
water or sewer charges in excess of a certain amount after an
opportunity to be heard under chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Environmental Management, County of Hawaii;
Water Board, County of Hawaii; Department of Water Supply, County
of Hawaii; and the Department of Water, County of Kauai. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
the Department of Environmental Services of the City and County of
Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
the Board of Water Supply.

Your Committee finds that counties must go through a lengthy
process to collect unpaid water and sewer bills. The current
process requires letters, payment plans, phone calls, and a court
action. In many cases, the value of the time and resources
required to collect on a past due account exceeds the amount
actually owed.

Your Committee further finds that the existing authorization
of each county to take over the State existing waterworks system

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may burden ratepayers and counties with the additional costs to maintain, improve, enlarge, and develop a state water system.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the dollar threshold of unpaid water or sewer charges that had to be exceeded before a county could impose and enforce liens upon premises served for the unpaid water or sewer charges; and
- (2) Repealing the authority of each county to take over from the State existing waterworks systems and sewer systems and to enlarge, develop, and improve the same.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3094, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,

Will Espero

WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 3094</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">PSM, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2-11-14</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">Rosalyn H. Baker</div>				
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